of the surveyed transnational corporations have found India to be the most attractive investment location. China, United States, Russian Federation and United Kingdom have been considered the most attractive location by 87%, 51%, 33% and 13% respondents respectively. Response for Pakistan has not been reported.

(c) The Government has put in place an investor friendly policy on Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) under which FDI up to 100% is allowed under the automatic route in most sectors/activities. The FDI policy and related procedures are reviewed on a continuing basis. The Government also undertakes investment promotion and facilitation measures to attract investment.

Action against major publishing houses and cigarette companies

3049. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether action has been initiated against some major publishing houses and cigarette companies for violation of the "Tobacco Products (Prohibition of Advertisement and Regulation of Trade And Commerce, Production, Supply and Distribution) Act, 2003; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Show Cause Notices have been issued to the publishers of The Hindu', 'Stardust' and 'Overdrive' and the manufacturers of cigarettes with brand names like Red & White (M/s Godfrey Phillips), Gold Flake (ITC) and Malbros (M/s Phillip Morris Ltd.) for violation of the "Tobacco Products (Prohibition of Advertisement and Regulation of Trade and Commerce, Production, Supply & Distribution") Act, 2003. The concerned State Governments have also been requested to take action against such magazines/publications published from their Sates.

Visit of Defence Minister to North East in September, 2005

3050. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether his visit to the North-East in September, 2005 also included